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**Curriculum Vita**

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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2002 - Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Government, American University
2001- 2002	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
2000 - 2001	Supreme Court Fellow, U.S. Sentencing Commission, Washington D.C.
1995 - 2001	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
1992 - 1995	Independent Teaching Instructor, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.
1990 - 1992	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University.

**EDUCATION**

1995	Ph.D. in Political Science, The Ohio State University
1994	M.A. in Political Science, The Ohio State University
1990	B.A., Cum Laude, in Political Science, University of California, San Diego

**RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS**

Research	Judicial politics and public law, with a focus on federal courts and representation, the mass media, public opinion, judicial decision making, and criminal justice policy.
Teaching	Undergraduate courses in judicial processes and behavior, mass media and politics, women and litigating change, American jury, research methods, constitutional law, civil rights and liberties, political behavior. Graduate seminar in Judicial Politics.

## **ARTICLES**

Diascro, Jennifer Segal and Rorie Spill Solberg. 2009. "George W. Bush's Legacy on the Federal Bench: Policy in the Face of Diversity." *Judicature* May-June, *Forthcoming*

Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2008. "The Legacy of Chief Justice Rehnquist: A View from the Small Screen." *Judicature* 92(3): 106-117.

Segal, Jennifer A. 2001. "The Role of Family Ties Departures in Federal Sentencing." *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 13: 258-267.

Segal, Jennifer A. 2000. "Judicial Decision Making and the Impact of Election Year Rhetoric." *Judicature* 84(2): 26-33.

Reprinted in Slotnick, Elliot E., ed. 2005. *Judicial Politics: Readings from Judicature*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Segal, Jennifer A. 2000. A Response to Judge Newman's Letter to the Editor concerning "Judicial Decision Making and the Impact of Election Year Rhetoric." *Judicature* 84(3): 115-116.

Segal, Jennifer A. 2000. "Representative Decision Making on the Federal Bench: Clinton's District Court Appointees." *Political Research Quarterly* 53: 137-150.

Segal, Jennifer A. 1999. "Diffuse Support for the United States Supreme Court: Reliable Reservoir or Fickle Foundation." *American Review of Politics* 20: 1-24.

Segal, Jennifer A. 1997. "The Decision Making of Clinton's Nontraditional Judicial Appointees." *Judicature* 80: 279.

Reprinted in Slotnick, Elliot E., ed. 1999. *Judicial Politics*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Chicago, Illinois: American Judicature Society.

Slotnick, Elliot E. and Jennifer A. Segal. 1994. "The Supreme Court Decided Today' ... Or Did It?" *Judicature* 78: 89-95.

Reprinted in Slotnick, Elliot E., ed. 2005. *Judicial Politics: Readings from Judicature*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Schaffner, Brian and Jennifer Segal Diascro. 2007. "News Coverage of State Supreme Court." In *Running for Judge*, ed. Matthew Streb. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2004. "Public Education for Men Only: *United States v. Virginia* (1996)." In *Creating Constitutional Change: Clashes over Power and Liberty in the Supreme Court*, ed. Gregg Ivers and Kevin T. McGuire. Charlottesville, Va.: University of Virginia Press.

## **BOOKS**

Diascro, Jennifer Segal and Gregg Ivers, eds. 2006. *Inside the Judicial Process: A Contemporary Reader in Law, Politics and the Courts, 1/e*. Boston, Ma.: Houghton Mifflin Co.

Slotnick, Elliot E. and Jennifer A. Segal. 1998. *Television News and the Supreme Court: All the News That's Fit to Air?* Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.  
Reprinted in part in Murphy, Walter F, C. Herman Pritchett, and Lee Epstein, eds. 2002. *Courts, Judges & Politics: An Introduction to the Judicial Process*. Boston, MA: McGraw Hill.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2006. "The Jury." In *An Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties*, ed. Otis H. Stephens and John M. Scheb II. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Diascro, Jennifer Segal. 2006. "United States v. Virginia." In *An Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties*, ed. Otis H. Stephens and John M. Scheb II. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

"The Congress, the Court, and the Constitution." With Christine DeGregorio (American University)

"News Coverage of Supreme Court Nominations: The Confirmation Hearings of John Roberts and Samuel Alito." With Rorie Spill Solberg (Oregon State)

"What Gender Discrimination?: The Struggle for Equality in the News." With Rorie Spill Solberg (Oregon State)

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *The Politics of Force: Media and the Construction of Policy Brutality*, Regina G. Lawrence. *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 11 No. 4 (April 2001) pp. 173-176.

Review of *Reporting on the Courts: How the Mass Media Cover Judicial Actions*, William Haltom. *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 9 No. 12 (December 1999) pp. 550-553.

Review of *Covering the Courts: A Handbook for Journalists*, S. L. Alexander. *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 9 No. 11 (November 1999) pp. 522-526.

Review of *Prime Time Law: Fictional Television as Legal Narrative*, Robert M. Jarvis and Paul R. Joseph, editors. *The Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 9 No. 2 (February 1999) pp. 47-49.

### **HONORS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, School of Public Affairs, American University, \$5000. April 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Faculty Research Award FY2007, Dean of Academic Affairs, American University, \$6300  
Research Support for "The Legacy of Chief Justice Rehnquist: A View from the Small Screen"  
February 2006.

Faculty Research Award FY2004, Dean of Academic Affairs, American University, \$6240, Research Support for "Representation from the Federal Bench: Clinton's Non-Traditional District Court Appointees." February 2003.

Instructor, The Fifth Annual UK Freshman Discovery Seminar Program, Arts and Sciences 116, After Guilt: Sentencing Federal Criminals, \$2,000, Fall 2001.

2000-2001 Judicial Fellowship at the United States Sentencing Commission (administered by the Supreme Court of the United States).

Top Ten Arts & Sciences Teacher, College of Arts and Sciences, Graduating Class of 1999-2000, April 2000.

Finalist, Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching by Non-tenured Faculty, Spring 2000.

Outstanding Teacher Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Graduating Class of 1998-99, September 1999.

Finalist, Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Teaching by Non-tenured Faculty, Spring 1999.

Minigrant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Kentucky, \$1000, Research Assistant Support, 1999-2000.

Minigrant, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Kentucky, \$965.50, February 1999, for public talk delivered by Professor Kevin McGuire of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Instructor, The Fourth Annual UK Freshman Discovery Seminar Program, Arts and Sciences 100, The American Jury: Should O.J. Simpson Have Been Acquitted?, \$2,000, Fall 1999.

Instructor, The Third Annual UK Freshman Discovery Seminar Program, Arts and Sciences 100-005, The American Jury: Should O.J. Simpson Have Been Acquitted?, \$5,000, Fall 1998.

Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, University of Kentucky, \$4,000, 1996.

Research Assistant Support, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, \$900, 1996. Spencer Award for distinguished teaching by a graduate student in 1993-1994, the Awards Committee of the Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 1994.

Nominated and finalist for Graduate Associate Teaching Award, The Ohio State University Graduate School, 1994.

American Political Science Association, Organized Section Awards. Law and Courts Honorable Mention for Elliot E. Slotnick and Jennifer A. Segal, "Television News and the Supreme Court." 1993.

#### **DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Retreat Planning Committee. Member. American University. Fall 2008 – present.

Education Policy Committee. Member. School of Public Affairs. American University. Fall 2007 – present.

Family and Medical Leave Committee. Member. American University. Fall 2006 – Spring 2009.

PhD Working Group. Member. School of Public Affairs. American University. Fall 2008.

“Constitution Day and Election Day: The Stakes for Justice in 2008.” Invited Panelist. American University Washington College of Law, November 17, 2008.

PhD Faculty Advisor. Department of Government. American University. 2005 - 2007.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Department of Government Ph.D. Program. Member. American University. 2004-2005.

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee. Member. School of Public Affairs. American University. Spring 2005.

Senior Search Committee. Department of Government. Member. American University. 2003-2004.

New Faculty Orientation. Speaker. American University. August 18, 2003.

Faculty Reviewer, *The Public Purpose*, School of Public Affairs, American University, Spring 2003, Spring 2005.

AU Government Faculty Representative, Graduate Recruitment Information Session, Brookings Institution, November 7, 2002.

Marketing Committee, Department of Government, American University (with Maryann Barakso), 2002.

Acting Director, Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, Fall 2001.

Speaker, 2001 Academic Honor Day (for exceptional area high school students), sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, August 2001.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, University of Kentucky Chapter, 2001-02.

Faculty Advisor, Preparing Aspiring Wildcats (PAW), 2000-01, 2001-02.

Participant, Hall of Distinguished Alumni Luncheon, hosted by the Dean of Arts and Sciences. May 19, 2000.

Speaker, President’s Reception for High School Seniors, sponsored by Office of the President and Office of Undergraduate Admissions. February 12, 2000.

Contributor to *Arts & Sciences (An Annual Magazine Published by the University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences)*, “The Nature of Network News Reporting on the Supreme Court.” 1999, 26-27.

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 1999-2000.

Political Science Writing Workshop (co-creator and presenter with Professor Greg Hager), Fall 1998.

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99.

Faculty Advisor, Pre-Law Club, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99.

Moderator, Panel on the Impeachment of President Clinton, presented by the History Honors Club and the Pre-Law Club, Fall, 1998.

Evaluator, Freshman Merit Scholarship Applications, February - March, 1998; July 1999, February 2000.

Evaluator, English Speaking Union Awards Scholarships, December, 1997.

Member, Methods Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 1997.

Panel Participant, UK Speaks Out, First Amendment, Spring 1997.

Secretary, Department Faculty Meetings, 1996-97.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member, Editorial Board, *The Law and Politics Book Review*, September 1999-September 2002, September 2002-September 2005, September 2005-Present.

Member, Exploratory Committee, American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, 2002-03.

Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Law and Courts Section, 1999.

Guest on Court TV's *Supreme Court Watch*, Interviewed by Fred Graham, Washington D.C., December 14, 1998.

Contributor to *Law and Courts (Newsletter of the Law and Courts Section of the APSA)*, "The Nature of Network News Reporting on the Supreme Court." 1998, 5-8.

Grant reviews for the National Science Foundation.

Manuscript reviews for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *Women and Politics*, *Congress and the Presidency*, *Social Science Quarterly*.

Book/Text reviews for Oxford University Press, St. Martins/Worth Publishing, Harcourt Brace Publishers, West Publishing, and Houghton Mifflin, Roxbury Publishing Co.

### **PARTICIPATION AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Paper Presentation, "Empathy from the Bench: A New Perspective on Gender and Judicial Decision Making," American Political Science Association meetings, Boston, August 2008.

Invited Participant, "Authors Meet Readers: Dis-Torting the Law: Politics, Media, and the Litigation Crisis." Western Political Science Association meetings, Oakland, March 2005.

Chair and Discussant, "Models of Judicial Agenda Setting." American Political Science Association meetings, Philadelphia, August 2003.

Paper Presentation, "Staffing the Courts: Who Gets There and What Do They Do When They Are There?" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 2000.

Chair/Discussant, "Decision Making on Lower Federal Courts," at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 2000.

Chair/Discussant, "Judges and Decisions in 50 (or More) Court Systems," at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 1999.

Chair/Discussant, "Lobbyists and Litigants in Court," at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 1998,

Paper Presentation, "Representative Decision Making on the Federal Bench," at the American Political Science Association meeting, San Francisco, August 1996.

Discussant, "Supreme Court and the Public," at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, Chicago, April 1996.

Paper Presentation, "Diffuse Support for the United States Supreme Court: Reliable Reservoir or Fickle Foundation?" at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 1995.

Chair, "Politics, Public Opinion and the Supreme Court," at the Southern Political Science Association meeting, Tampa, November 1995.

Paper Presentation, "The Supreme Court and the Public," at the American Political Science Association meeting, New York, September 1-4, 1994.

Paper Presentation, "Television News and the Supreme Court: Correlates of Decisional Coverage" (with Elliot E. Slotnick and Lisa Campoli), at the American Political Science Association meeting, New York, September 1-4, 1994.

Paper Presentation, "'The Supreme Court Decided Today' ... Or Did It?" (with Elliot E. Slotnick), at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, April 15-17, 1993.

Paper Presentation, "Television News and the Supreme Court" (with Elliot E. Slotnick), at the American Political Science Association meeting, Chicago, September 3-6, 1992.

**INTERVIEWS**

Quoted in Prince, Zenitha. "Supreme Court Vacancy: Looming War for Balance." *AFRO American Newspaper*. Friday, July 8, 2005.

Guest on National Art's Public Radio Program Studio 360, Interviewed by Jacquie Gales Webb for "Law and Justice in the Arts." American University, Washington D.C. February 5, 2003. Aired June 7, 2003.